

Existing law creates the La. State Board of Nursing and authorizes that board to regulate the practice of nursing, including the licensure of all nurses. The board is authorized to establish a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance of any license or permit or for any other administrative function of the board. The board is authorized to modify the fee schedule as it deems necessary.

New law retains these provisions and specifically adds registration services, examination fees, and consultation/presentation fees to the illustrative list of services for which such fees may be set by the board.

Prior law provided a maximum amount of \$75 for issuance or renewal of a permit for practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse and \$90 for late issuance or renewal of such license.

New law changes these maximums to \$100 for licensure of any nursing professional.

New law specifically authorizes the inclusion in the fee schedule of any fees or costs levied as a result of a disciplinary hearing. The levy and collection of such fees is authorized elsewhere in present law.

New law includes maximum amounts for certain education and continuing education fees as follows:

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| (1) School approval-site visit             | \$500/site visit            |
| (2) School approval-annual report          | \$ 50                       |
| (3) Out-of-state clinical approvals        | \$250                       |
| (4) Continuing education provider approval | \$800/2years                |
| (5) Continuing education offering approval | \$ 75 and \$10/contact hour |

Existing law requires fees to be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the board and disbursed for the purposes of regulating the practice of nursing.

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(Amends R.S. 37:927)